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PRICE STABILISATION FOR CASH CROPS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a project worth Rs. 300 crore or more for price stabilisation and other matters in relation to rubber, coffee, tea, spices, etc. is under consideration of the Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Operation of a Price Stabilization Fund is a new concept requiring in depth assessment of complexities in consultation with many agencies such as producers, processors, exporters and financial institutions like NABARD, commercial banks, and economic experts. It will also depend upon participation by willing producers who will be required to contribute to the Fund when prices of commodities are favourable and who will benefit when the prices are low.